



Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 53

PART I

GRANTS, &C. FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING

CHAPTER I

THE MAIN GRANTS

Disabled facilities grants

19 **Disabled facilities grants: owner's and tenant's applications.**

- (1) A local housing authority shall not entertain an application for a ^{F1} . . . grant unless they are satisfied—
- (a) that the applicant has, or proposes to acquire, an owner's interest in every parcel of land on which the relevant works are to be carried out, or
 - (b) that the applicant is a tenant (alone or jointly with others)—
 - (i) in the case of an application in respect of works to a dwelling, of the dwelling, or
 - (ii) in the case of a common parts application, of a flat in the building,and, in either case, does not have or propose to acquire such an owner's interest as is mentioned in paragraph (a) [^{F2}, or
 - [^{F3}(c) that the applicant is an occupier (alone or jointly with others) of a qualifying houseboat or a caravan and, in the case of a caravan, that at the time the application was made the caravan was stationed on land within the authority's area.]]

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- (2) References in this Chapter to an “owner's application” or a “tenant's application” [F⁴ or an “occupier’s application”], in relation to a F⁵ . . . grant, shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) In accordance with directions given by the Secretary of State, a local housing authority may treat the condition in subsection (1)(a) as met by a person who has, or proposes to acquire, an owner’s interest in only part of the land concerned.
- (4) In this Chapter, in relation to an application for a F⁶ . . . grant—
“qualifying owner’s interest” means an owner’s interest meeting the condition in subsection (1)(a) or treated by virtue of subsection (3) as meeting that condition; and
“qualifying tenant” means a tenant who meets the conditions in subsection (1)(b).
- (5) In this Chapter “tenant”, in relation to a F⁷ . . . grant, includes—
(a) a secure tenant, introductory tenant or statutory tenant,
[F⁸(aa) a tenant or licensee under a secure contract within the meaning of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 1) (see section 8 of that Act),
(ab) a tenant or licensee under an introductory standard contract within the meaning of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (see section 16 of that Act),]
(b) a protected occupier under the M¹Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 or a person in occupation under an assured agricultural occupancy within the meaning of Part I of the M²Housing Act 1988,
(c) an employee (whether full-time or part-time) who occupies the dwelling or flat concerned for the better performance of his duties, and
(d) a person having a licence to occupy the dwelling or flat concerned which satisfies such conditions as may be specified by order of the Secretary of State;
and other expressions relating to tenancies, in the context of an application for F⁹ . . . grant, shall be construed accordingly.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 19(1) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)(a)**, **Sch. 6** (with art. 11(2))
- F2** S. 19(1)(c) and preceding word inserted (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)(b)** (with art. 11(2))
- F3** S. 19(1)(c) substituted (18.1.2005) by [Housing Act 2004 \(c. 34\)](#), **ss. 224(3)**, 270(3)(a) (with s. 224(9))
- F4** Words in s. 19(2) inserted (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), **Sch. 3 para. 4(3)(a)** (with art. 11(2))
- F5** Words in s. 19(2) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, **Sch. 3 para. 4(3)(b)**, **Sch. 6** (with art. 11(2))
- F6** Words in s. 19(4)(5) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, **Sch. 3 para. 4(4)**, **Sch. 6** (with art. 11(2))
- F7** Words in s. 19(4)(5) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, **Sch. 3 para. 4(4)**, **Sch. 6** (with art. 11(2))
- F8** S. 19(5)(aa)(ab) inserted (W.) (1.12.2022) by [The Renting Homes \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1166\)](#), regs. 1(1), **26(2)**

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F9 Words in s. 19(4)(5) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, [Sch. 3 para. 4\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6](#) (with art. 11(2))

Commencement Information

I1 S. 19 wholly in force; s. 19 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 150; s. 19 in force for certain purposes at 11.9.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2352](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#); S. 19 in force insofar as not already in force at 17.12.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2842](#), [art. 3](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1976 c. 80.

M2 1988 c. 50.

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